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## THE COUNTY INSTITUTE

Convened in the High School Building of this City on Monday Morning.

### THERE IS GOOD ATTENDANCE

And Interest on Part of Teachers in Attendance Is Up to the Standard.

The Socorro county teacher's institute convened in the high school building of this city Monday morning under the direction of Superintendent D. A. Ortega. Mr. Ortega had taken all possible preliminary steps toward making the institute an interesting and profitable one to teachers who might attend and it is already evident that his efforts in this direction were not in vain. The enrollment the first day was seventeen. The number has since been increased to twenty-one, and all in attendance are taking a very lively interest in the work.

Superintendent Ortega had chosen E. A. Drake as conductor of the institute and Miss Watson, a teacher in the Albuquerque schools, as assistant. Miss Watson is an experienced and skillful teacher and the work she is doing for the teachers of Socorro county is exceedingly valuable. Her way of conducting a class of small pupils just beginning the first grade could not easily be surpassed. Not a teacher present will fail to see some feature of this work well worthy of his imitation. All in all, the present Socorro county teachers' institute is proving to be one of the most interesting and beneficial ever held in the county.

The enrollment is as follows: Mrs. Geo. G. O'Neal, Misses D. L. Harris, Barbarita Chavez, Marilita Lopez, Edith Mayberry, May Crawford, and Messrs. Apolonio Valles, Gregorio Abeyta, E. M. Chavez, Ciriano Jojola, Martin Lopez, John J. Zimmerly, Jose M. Lopez, Patricio Lopez, P. A. Marcellino, Avelino Lopez, David Flores, Maximo B. Baca, Florencio Jiron, Rinaldo Gonzales, Jose D. Gonzales.

### CEMENT WALKS FOR SOCORRO

Sheriff Aniceto C. Abeytia Is the First to Begin the Needed Improvement.

After much agitation of the subject, Socorro's sidewalks are at last to be put into a much better condition. It is an unpleasant fact that the city's sidewalks have for some time been in a very discreditable condition, and that is putting it very mildly, too. But Sheriff Aniceto C. Abeytia is now setting an example that others promise to make haste to follow. Mr. Abeytia is having constructed a fine cement walk in front of and on the east side of his entire brick block at the corner of Manzanera avenue and California street. This will prove to be a great improvement in itself, but that is not all. Hon. W. E. Martin will at once follow Mr. Abeytia's example and build such a walk in front of his property on California street, and the Socorro State Bank is contemplating a step in the same direction. If there is no city ordinance requiring the building of such walks there doubtless soon will be, so everybody may as well get ready to make this much needed improvement on his property at the very earliest date possible.

### Public School Will Open.

Socorro's public schools will re-open on Monday, September 9. The board of education has secured a good corps of teachers for next year and the schools should be well patronized. It is to the interest of all that pupils be in attendance promptly and regularly.

Jos. Brown, superintendent of the Graphic mine, arrived in Socorro yesterday noon from Magdalena accompanied by his son and daughter, whom he sent to Silver City this morning to place them in the Normal School for the year about to open.

## NOT ANY LUMBER FRAUDS

In New Mexico Says Attorney General Fall to the El Paso Herald.

Wednesday evening's El Paso Herald contained the following interesting and significant interview with Attorney General A. B. Fall:

"Judge A. B. Fall, attorney general of New Mexico and general counsel for W. C. Greene, returned last evening from a brief business trip to Chihuahua. Judge Fall has entirely recovered from his recent illness and enjoyed the trip into Mexico.

### NO LAND FRAUDS.

"Judge Fall was asked if he intended to investigate the alleged land and timber frauds in New Mexico.

"As far as I know there are not any land and timber frauds in New Mexico," said Judge Fall. "There have been some evasions but no cases like those in Oregon have occurred. When the United States government gave the Territory land to be disposed of for school and public institutions, the provision was made that lots not to exceed 160 acres were to be sold to any individual. The Alamogordo Lumber Company has acquired 20,000 acres each by individuals and by them transferred to the lumber company. When the land was sold it was known that it was to be acquired by the lumber company. There was no secret about it. The territory received a good price for the land, probably more than it was worth.

### U. S. SHOULD KEEP HANDS OFF.

"Since that contract was made what are called special agents or detectives of the United States government have spread the report that land frauds were occurring in the Territory and as a result the United States has brought suit against the lumber company, the officials of the Territory and the Territory itself. It is my opinion that the United States should not interfere. The land was given to the Territory and I think that the Territory should have the right to dispose of it as it deems best. I think that the time is not far off when the dispute between the government and the Territory will be adjusted.

"If I should find that land frauds are being practiced in the Territory I will unhesitatingly prosecute the violators of the law. Concerning the reported coal land frauds I will say these lands are owned by the United States and the law governing their disposal is different from that governing the sale of the timber lands which were given the Territory. In one case where an indictment has been returned the evidence seems to be very strong against the defendant."

### Text for August 25th.

Rev. 11:30 "He that winneth souls is wise." Are you ready to meditate on this text as suitable to the fall campaign. "Come" and "Go" are the two great words of the gospel. Come with the kingdom yourself then go win others.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Let us meditate on John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men with me."

The bible reading circle will read on to the 14 chapter of Numbers by September 1st. Let us have Sabbath school. There will be services every Sabbath for four Sundays. Let all contributors see that their subscriptions are paid to September 1st.

### B. C. MEEKER.

### Building Contract to Lot.

The Kelly school district is to be supplied with a new and modern school building at once. The school board wish to give notice that they are ready to let the contract for the erection of the building. Contractors should apply to the president of the board for specifications.

Geo. E. Christilaw of Kelly was one of Socorro's visitors Thursday. Mr. Christilaw said that there was considerable excitement at Kelly and Magdalena over the finding of what is supposed to be an extensive vein of vanadium at Pueblo springs about two miles north of Magdalena.

## THE FAIR COMMITTEES ARE GETTING VERY BUSY

The Fair Grounds Are Fast Being Put in Condition, Attractions Are Being Engaged, and Everything Indicates That Socorro Will Give Her Guests the Time of Their Lives.

The committees appointed to make arrangements for the Socorro county fair are getting busy in a fashion that promises well for the success of their respective parts of their work.

The fair grounds are already partly enclosed with an eight foot board fence and that feature of the preparation is fast being pushed to completion. Captain Geo. E. Cook of the Socorro baseball team has had a force of men at work for several days putting the diamond into first-class condition.

Governor George Curry has promised Hon. W. E. Martin that he will be present to press the button that will set the fair going.

The committee on events are arranging for the following: Music by the first regiment band of Albuquerque, a grand trades parade to which all Socorro's business men are earnestly invited to contribute, base ball by amateur and semi-professional teams including the McIntosh Browns of Albuquerque and an equally strong team from El Paso, a great number and variety of carnival attractions, bronco busting, races, dancing under a tent every day and night, shooting matches, cock fights, balloon ascensions, fire works, and many other events equally attractive but too numerous to mention. One thing is certain, there will be enough to keep everybody looking during the three days of the fair.

Captain M. Cooney, grand marshal of the parade, has made the following appointments: Captain of the Cow Boy Governor's Guard, Lewis Gatlin; First Lieutenant, Nepomuceno Baca; Second Lieutenant, J. E. Wayne; First Sergeant, Clay C. Cooper; Second Sergeant, W. A. Hall; Third Sergeant, S. M. Craig; First Corporal, J. B. Storey; Second Corporal, August, Kiehne, Jr.; Third Corporal, Everett Fuller; Fourth Corporal, C. M. Crossman. The grand marshal has also appointed as his aides Messrs. J. W. Medley, William Gardiner, C. B. Adams, Andrew Kelly, Matias Contreras, John F. Fullerton, Cole Railston, A. Alexander, Max H. Montoya, Jose Garcia y O., H. A. Brachvogel, Carpio Padilla, Procopio Chavez, Isabel Padilla, W. H. Spackman, Jose Maria Baca, and J. H. McGee. Insignia for officers, non-commissioned officers, and aides will be supplied at the muster at the encampment. Ample accommodations will be secured for this encampment. The cow boys will assemble with their complete outfits, including chuck wagons, bedding, etc. It will be arranged to give the cow boy governor a salute and invite him to a real cow boy feast after the parade.

Remember the time and place, September 28, 29, and 30, Socorro, and everybody come.

## FATHER AND DAUGHTER KILLED

Lightning's Deadly Work near Los Ranchos de La Joya.

The following account of the deadly work of lightning at Los Ranchos de La Joya, about twenty-five miles north of Socorro, was contained in Tuesday evening's issue of the Albuquerque Citizen:

Regino Corrillo and his ten year old daughter were killed and his eight year old son badly hurt by a bolt of lightning at Los Ranchos, near here, about 5 p. m. yesterday. Corrillo and his little daughter, whom he was holding by the hand when the shock came, were badly burned about their faces, and both died instantly. The boy was running at his father's side and he was stunned, recovering consciousness some hours later. He will survive, though he is painfully burned.

Corrillo had started for home as the storm approached and with his children was hastening as fast as possible to escape the rain, when suddenly a bolt of lightning descended, apparently striking him in the head and passing from his body through his arm into the body of his little daughter. The bolt then evidently jumped to the body of the boy and all three were thrown to the ground.

Parties, who were passing that way, picked them up and took them to Corrillo's home where it was at once discovered that the man and little girl were dead. The boy finally recovered consciousness.

Corrillo and his family are well known in this vicinity and the sad death of the man and his little daughter are much deplored.

### Fine Registered Angora Bucks for Sale

I have some high grade and registered Angora Bucks for sale, ranging in age from eighteen months to four years; also some high grade and registered does. Prices given on application.

M. R. McCravy, San Marcial, N. M.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

Miss Gildersleeve Elected Teacher to Fill Vacancy Caused by Resignation of Miss James.

The board of education held a special meeting Monday evening, the principal purpose of the meeting being to elect a teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss James. Members of the board were present as follows: Messrs. J. E. Griffith, E. S. Stapleton, P. J. Savage, R. Stackpole, A. C. Abeytia, and J. H. Hilton. A. C. Abeytia was chosen secretary pro tempore and P. J. Savage vice-president. R. Stackpole was elected permanent vice-president. It was decided that the public schools should be opened on the same day as the School of Mines, September 9. Mr. Stackpole was authorized to have the school buildings of the city put into good condition for the opening of the schools, and the president and secretary were authorized to sign any checks that might be necessary to pay the expenses incurred for that purpose. The applications of candidates to fill the vacancy on the corps of teachers caused by the resignation of Miss James were then considered and the choice fell upon Miss Helen Gildersleeve of Santa Fe. The board has been doing good work in the face of great difficulties in the management of school affairs and there is every prospect that Socorro's next school year will be satisfactory to all concerned.

### Mt. Carmel School, September 2.

School at Mt. Carmel, this city, will be resumed Monday, September 1, the terms being the same as in other years. Private pupils will be attended to at \$3.00 per month in advance. Owing to the scarcity of pupils, none above the fifth grade will be received. Those wishing to enroll should do so at an early date. Regular attendance and punctuality are required.

### SISTERS OF LORETTO.

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## NEWSY NOTES FROM FAIRVIEW

An Esteemed Correspondent Sends the Chieftain the Very Latest.

An esteemed correspondent sends the Chieftain the following interesting news items from Fairview:

B. A. Slinkard has gone to Douglas, Arizona. Mrs. J. B. Cook and children are visiting at San Miguel. Lightning struck the barn at the AL ranch Sunday night resulting in a loss of a quantity of hay, grain, flour, etc.

C. G. Yapple, who is growing mammoth radishes for exhibition at Albuquerque this fall, feels confident of winning first prize.

Henry Myers and family have moved to Chloride. Mr. Myers has disposed of nearly all his ranch and cattle interests with a view to locating elsewhere.

Several interesting matrimonial engagements are announced but we withhold names out of respect for that old adage "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."

Sierra county teachers have been good and ready for some time to attend their institute whenever the call shall be made. Sup't Parker is experiencing some difficulty in securing an instructor.

Miss Daisy Hearn, who has been visiting home folks for two weeks, returned Saturday to El Paso, accompanied by her friend Miss Anna Freeman also of that place. Miss Daisy is taking a course in the nurse's department of the Providence Hospital.

The severe electrical storm on the night of the 18th inst. appears to have made the rains more nearly general and cattle men are again wearing that bright, confident smile which only a New Mexican cattleman can assume to perfection.

Indian signal fires were seen flashing from the topmost pinnacles of the San Mateo mountains on the evening of the 12th inst. We trust the report will prove to be nothing more serious than a cow puncher's dream, but if the Indian is really signaling, the white man will be found ready to answer the signal much in the fashion of last year's episode.

### QUEEN SABB.

## EL PASO HERALD ON THE FAIR

Will the Pass City Ball Players Lend a Hand?

The El Paso Herald of recent date speaks in the following terms of the Socorro county fair:

"The Socorro county fair will be held on September 28, 29 and 30. It will be the first annual fair held in Socorro county. There will be semi-professional and amateur baseball, horse racing, shotgun shooting and many other attractions that go with such events.

"The Albuquerque Browns are to meet any team of the southwest here on Sunday, the 29th, and play one game of semi-professional ball for a nice purse. Socorro wonders why El Paso can't get up a team of its best players and take a chance for this money. The railroad rates will be about one fare or not more than one and one-fifth fare for the round trip, and, it being a Sunday's game, the teams can come and return home without the inconvenience of losing any working days."

### Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses have recently been issued in the office of Probate Clerk E. H. Sweet to the following persons:

Pablo Baca, aged 21 years, and Felicitia Pena, aged 17 years, both of Kelly.

L. D. Peppers, aged 30 years, of Cooney and Maggie Chesse, aged 18 years, of Glenwood.

Julian P. Apodaca, aged 28 years, of Valencia and Arsenia M. Encinas, aged 19 years, of Horse Spring.

Chas. H. Nattress, aged 24 years, and Mata Rose Kanler, aged 23 years, both of San Marcial.

Timoteo Lopez, aged 23 years, of La Joya and Veronica Griego, aged 18 years, of Los Ranchos de La Joya.

## A BURGLAR GETS BUSY

The Store of Newcomb, Collins & Company Entered and Goods Abstracted.

## CAUGHT BY DEPUTY DREYFUS

The Offender Pleads Guilty and Tells the Whole Story in Judge Green's Court.

Socorro is not often favored with visits by thieves who break through and steal, but occasionally such light-fingered gentry seem to think that the city offers a favorable field for their operations. Newcomb, Collins & Company are the latest to be favored with such a visit. Monday night a burglar entered their store, helped himself to as much hardware, dry goods, etc. as he could comfortably carry away and made his exit without being caught in the act.

On going to the store Tuesday morning, members of the firm at once discovered that a burglary had been committed there sometime during the night. A little investigation revealed the fact that the visitor had cut the wire screen at the west door and broken out a large pane of glass from the door itself to gain admission. A little further investigation showed that he had carried off a 30-30 rifle, three Colt's revolvers, a lot of cartridges that would not fit either firearm, an assortment of pants, vests, coats, hats, and other articles too numerous to mention. This was a pretty good night's work, but the man who did it was allowed but a short time in which to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Early Tuesday morning a resident of Luis Lopez arrived in Socorro and announced that he had bought some goods very cheap from a man going down the valley on foot. Deputy Henry Dreyfus was informed of this fact and at once set out in pursuit of the traveling salesman. At Elendorf Mr. Dreyfus intercepted the object of his pursuit, gave somebody five dollars with which to buy some of the stolen goods from him, identified the goods, made the arrest, and brought his prisoner to Socorro and lodged him in Socorro county's strong box.

Thursday the supposed burglar was brought into Judge Green's court and asked to answer to a charge of burglary and larceny. He gave his name as Charles Johnson and pleaded guilty. He told the story of the crime and how he disposed of most of the goods. He said, also, that this was the first time that he had ever gotten into such trouble, that he had just come up from Mexico, where he had been engaged in mining, and, in answer to a question by his honor the court, that he did not think that the business of burglary promised to be as profitable as that of mining.

According to Johnson's statement he had no partners in this business enterprise, but there is very positive evidence that he had two of them and that the two went up the valley Tuesday morning. The Chieftain hopes to be able to tell the story of their capture a little later.

### THE BIRD HAS FLOWN

Thursday night, after the above was written, Johnson made his escape from the county jail. By some means he got possession of a 60-penny nail and dug away about twenty bricks from under the stone sill of a window on the southwest side of the jail. There was a slight crack through the window sill and the bricks below it, possibly caused by last summer's earthquakes, so that the task of digging out the first brick was not a very difficult one. After that the rest was easy. As soon as the jail break was discovered yesterday morning Sheriff Abeytia hurried up to Lemitar and sent deputies out in various directions with the hope of intercepting the fugitive, but so far he has not been located. It is probable, however, that he is in hiding somewhere not far from Socorro and he will find it harder to escape recapture than he did to dig his way through the jail wall.